

By

*Jims*

SB. No. 15

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction of the County Court at Law of Medina County and to certain fees in that court.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 25.1652(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section 25.0003 and other law, a county court at law in Medina County has:

(1) concurrent with the county court, the probate jurisdiction provided by general law for county courts; and

(2) concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in:

(A) civil cases in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$500 and does not exceed \$50,000 [~~\$20,000~~], excluding interest; and

(B) family law cases and proceedings.

SECTION 2. Section 25.1652, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) The fees assessed in cases in which the court has concurrent civil jurisdiction with the district court shall be the same as in the district court.

SECTION 3. The change in fees made by this Act applies only to fees that become payable on or after the effective date of this Act. A fee that becomes payable before the effective date of this

1 Act is covered by the law as it existed at the time the fee became  
2 payable, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the  
4 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an  
5 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the  
6 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several  
7 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended,  
8 and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its  
9 passage, and it is so enacted.

# FILE

71-49

## BILL ANALYSIS

By: Sims

S.B. 15

### BACKGROUND:

The county court at law of Medina County has requested that their civil jurisdiction be increased from \$20,000 to \$50,000, thereby making them concurrent with the probate jurisdiction provided by general law for county courts.

### PURPOSE:

As proposed, S.B. 15 would increase the civil jurisdictional amount of the county court at law of Medina County.

### RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS:

SECTION 1. Amends Section 25.1652(a), Government Code, to increase the jurisdictional limit in civil cases in the county court at law in Medina County from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 25.1652, Government Code, by adding Subsection (i), to provide that the fees assessed in cases in which the court has concurrent civil jurisdiction with the district court shall be the same as the district court.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.

# LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

JAN 17 1989

## FISCAL NOTE

January 16, 1989

TO: Honorable Hugh Parmer, Chairman  
Committee on Intergovernmental Relations  
Senate Chamber  
Austin, Texas

In Re: Senate Bill No. 15  
By: Sims

FROM: Jim Oliver, Director

In response to your request for a Fiscal Note on Senate Bill No. 15 (relating to the jurisdiction of the County Court at Law of Medina County and to certain fees in that court) this office has determined the following:

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the Senate as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government.

Source: LBB Staff: JO, JWH, AL, SKM, PA

S. B. No.

15

By

Sims

Relating to the jurisdiction of the County Court at Law of Medina County and to certain fees in that court.

11-17-88  
JAN 11 1989

Filed with the Secretary of the Senate

Read and referred to Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Reported favorably

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute, Committee Substitute read first time

Ordered not printed

Laid before the Senate

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by

unanimous consent

years, nays

Read second time, and ordered engrossed by

unanimous consent

a viva voce vote

years, nays

Caption ordered amended to conform to the body of the bill

Senate and Constitutional 3 Day Rule suspended by a vote of years, nays

Read third time, and passed by years, nays

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

OTHER ACTION

Engrossed

Sent to House

Engrossing Clerk

Received from the Senate

Read first time and referred to Committee on

Reported favorably amended, sent to Printer at

Printed and Distributed

Sent to Committee on Calendars

Read Second time (amended), passed to third reading (failed)

by (Non-Record Vote) Record Vote of years, nays present not voting

Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a four-fifths vote of years, nays present not voting

Read third time (amended), finally passed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) Record Vote of

years, nays present not voting

Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill

Returned to Senate

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

Returned from House without amendment

Returned from House with amendments

Concurred in House amendments by a viva voce vote years, nays



\_\_\_\_\_ Refused to concur in House amendments and requested the appointment of a Conference Committee to adjust the differences.

\_\_\_\_\_ Senate conferees instructed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Senate conferees appointed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ House granted Senate request. House conferees appointed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference Committee Report read and filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference Committee Report adopted on the part of the House by \_\_\_\_\_  
{ a viva voce vote  
\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference Committee Report adopted on the part of the Senate by \_\_\_\_\_  
{ a viva voce vote  
\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays

#### OTHER ACTION

\_\_\_\_\_ Recommitted to Conference Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Conferees discharged

\_\_\_\_\_ Conference Committee Report failed of adoption by \_\_\_\_\_  
{ a viva voce vote  
\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays